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SUBJ: INDUSTRY COMMITTEE : DELEGATES MEETING ON ALUMINUM,
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1. DEPT. HAS RECEIVED MEMBER COUNTRY REPLIES TO MOST RE-
CENT ALUMINUM QUESTIONNAIRE (DIE/IND/AL/73.10), BUT UN-
FORTUNATELY MAIN REPORT TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE (DIE/IND/AL/
73.10) NOT YET RECEIVED EXCEPT FOR SUMMARY OF FRENCH
VERSION MADE AVAILABLE BY INDUSTRY SOURCES. INSTRUCTIONS,
THEREFORE, NECESSARILY VERY GENERAL AND MISSION SHOULD
PROCEED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

2. COUNTRY REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRES INDICATE THAT IN 1973
INDUSTRY PICTURE CHANGED SHARPLY FROM SURPLUS SUPPLY CON-
DITION TO ONE OF TIGHTNESS OR EVEN SHORTAGE. THERE IS ALSO
CONSENSUS ON PRICE UPTURN IN 1973. PROBLEM AREAS NOTED
APPEAR TO CENTER ON (A) POSSIBILITY OF EXCESSIVE EXPANSION
OF CAPACITY (AUSTRIA, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG AND NETHERLANDS)
AND (B) THE IMPACT OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION ON FLOATING EX-
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CHANGE RATES ON PRICES (AUSTRIA, FRANCE, FRG AND SWITZ).

CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS EXPRESSED APPEAR TO BE DIFFERENT
FROM THOSE WHICH STIMULATED CREATION OF PREVIOUS AD HOC
WORKING PARTY TWO YEARS AGO.

3. IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPS IN MEETING THAT THERE EXISTS SIG-
NIFICANT PROBLEM WHICH COULD BE USEFULLY DEALT WITH BY OECD,
US REP MAY INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SOME FUTURE
ACTION IN THIS FIELD. DRAFT TERMS OF REF SHOULD REFLECT
PAST US POSITIONS ON PREVIOUS WORKING PARTY. RUSH

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